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Dear Secretary Shalala,

I understand food labeling requirements may change under proposals currently before the FDA.

I insist in the strongest possible terms to know if a product has been treated with radiation. Irradiation changes the chemical composition of foodstuffs, and as there have been no long term studies on the effect on human health from irradiated food, the consumer must have the choice.

The people's right to know is more important than the nuclear industry's desperate casting about for a *raison d'être*.

It is my right to know if the food I consume has been exposed to radiation.

Signed,

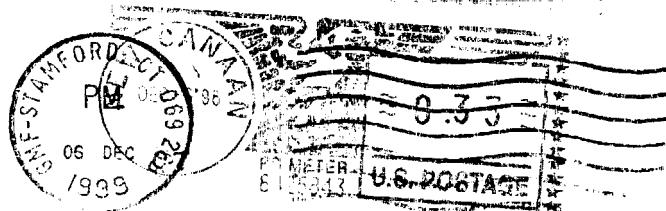
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